

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-60. (Canceled)

61. (Currently amended) A wireless communication device comprising:

control circuitry that operates to, at least:

deactivate at least a portion of wireless communication circuitry for a plurality of regular intervals, where at each of the plurality of regular intervals a base station transmits a first type of information packet comprising information indicating pending messages; and

after deactivating at least a portion of the wireless communication circuitry for the plurality of regular intervals, activate the at least a portion of the wireless communication circuitry to receive at least one of the first type of information packet transmitted from the base station; and

if the received at least one of the first type of information packet comprises information indicating that a message is pending for the wireless communication device, then direct the wireless communication circuitry to receive the pending message from the base station.

62. (Previously presented) The wireless communication device of claim 61, wherein the first type of information packet is capable of comprising information indicating respective pending messages for a plurality of recipients.

63. (Previously presented) The wireless communication device of claim 61, wherein the control circuitry operates to direct the wireless communication circuitry to receive the pending message from the base station by, at least in part, operating to direct the wireless communication circuitry to receive a second type of information packet from the base station.

64. (Previously presented) The wireless communication device of claim 61, wherein the control circuitry operates to direct the wireless communication circuitry to receive the pending

message from the base station by, at least in part, operating to direct the wireless communication circuitry to remain active to receive at least one additional information packet from the base station.

65. (Previously presented) The wireless communication device of claim 61, wherein the control circuitry operates to direct the wireless communication circuitry to receive the pending message from the base station by, at least in part, operating to direct the wireless communication circuitry to communicate a message to the base station requesting delivery of a pending message to the wireless communication device.

66. (Previously presented) The wireless communication device of claim 61, wherein the control circuitry operates to direct the wireless communication circuitry to communicate information to the base station indicating that the wireless communication device is capable of power save operation.

67. (Previously presented) The wireless communication device of claim 61, wherein the control circuitry operates to direct the wireless communication circuitry to communicate information to the base station indicative of a number of the regular intervals for which the control circuitry will operate to deactivate the wireless communication circuitry.

68. (Previously presented) The wireless communication device of claim 61, wherein the control circuitry operates to activate the at least a portion of the wireless communication circuitry by, at least in part, operating to activate the at least a portion of the wireless communication circuitry for a period of time at least as long as one of the regular intervals.